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Jim:

Attached is an FBIS in-house
issuance that I don't believe I
have ever mentioned. Our Monitor-
ing Operations Division puts it
out biweekly for use in FBIS and
our field bureaus. You should at
least be aware of its existence.
Basically it reports on develop-
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TRANSPONDER CARRYING AFGHANISTAN RADIO SERVICE DISCONTINUED

ROSET observations since 25 July reveal that Stationar 5, the Intersputnik satellite system's Gorizont satellite at 53.0 east, has deactivated the transponder that has for years carried both the Kabul domestic and international radio services. Cruising efforts on this satellite and other Soviet satellites have not been successful in locating these services elsewhere. The deactivated transponder also carried a number of radioteletype press agency transmissions.

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USSR LAUNCHES RADUGA COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE

On 9 August the Soviet Union launched a "regular" Raduga communications satellite with on-board equipment for relaying telephone, telegraph, and television transmissions, according to a TASS announcement. Other than stating the equipment on board was functioning normally and would be controlled by a command and measuring complex and that its communications and television equipment would be used in accordance with a set program, the announcement did not specify the positioning of the satellite. It gave only the initial parameters and said that the new satellite was put in orbit "close to a stationary circular one."

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MEXICO'S MORELOS 1 TO CARRY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In a report carried by Mexico City XEW Television on 19 August, Mexico's deputy communications and transport secretary said that Morelos 1 will be operational in 2 weeks. He added that the first event to be transmitted to the entire country by Mexico's first communications satellite will be President Miguel de la Madrid's third government report.

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ARABSAT OBSERVED TRANSMITTING TELEVISION TEST PROGRAMS

Arabsat 1B, located at 26E, has been observed transmitting television test programs on 4125.75 MHz. Television tests were carried out from 0740 to approximately 0955 GMT. At 0852 GMT a Saudi Arabia logo in Arabic was transmitted. It stated: "In the name of God the merciful the compassionate, Saudi Arabia Television Service, test transmission via Arabsat."

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SOUTH AFRICA SIGNS CONTRACT FOR SATELLITE EQUIPMENT

The South African Broadcasting Corporation recently signed a contract for satellite communications equipment that will give it the capacity to broadcast to all of Africa beginning in mid-1986. SABC has already leased a transponder on an Intelsat satellite at a cost of \$1.6 million a year. To date, the only South African transmissions observed at any FBIS/BBC ROSET sites have been pass feeds of SABC (1530-1550 GMT) and SABC TV-1 (0030-0444 GMT). The first was observed by Panama on the 24.5W Intelsat and the second was observed by Okinawa on the 60E Intelsat.

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KENYA ANNOUNCES NEW SHORTWAVE TRANSMITTER

The Kenyan permanent secretary for works, housing, and physical planning received the keys for the 250-kilowatt Karmarock transmission station on 14 August. The project will improve radio reception all over the country. The project will be commissioned soon after the completion of its two main transmitters.

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